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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: METHOD AND HAND-HELD DEVICE FOR APPLYING A TOOTH FILLING

ON SYNTHETIC RESIN BASIS INTO A CAVITY OF A TOOTH

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as set forth hereinbelow and in the attached appendix:

1. (Amended) Method of conditioning a filling compound based on synthetic resin while it is being filled into a cavity of a tooth, characterised in that the filling compound is subjected to the action of a sound, especially ultrasound, during the filling process.

5. (Amended) The hand-held device as defined in Claim 3,

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